

Remarks

Claims 1 – 7, 9 – 19, and 21 - 38 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, and 17 have been amended. Claims 8 and 20 have been cancelled and new claims 24 - 38 have been added.

The Examiner's presumption that Ralph Jameson is the first named inventor is correct.

Figure 1 has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

A section briefly describing the drawings has been added as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8, 9, and 10 stand objected to because of informalities. Claim 8 has been cancelled and claims 9 and 10 have been amended to correct these informalities, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, and 11 – 13 stand rejected as being allegedly indefinite. These claims have been amended and are now believed to fully comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 – 4, 11, 15, 17 – 21, and 23 stand rejected as being anticipated by Matsumoto et al. Claim 20 has been cancelled. Independent claims 1 and 17 have been amended to recite a UV cure, such subjected matter having been indicated to be allowable by the Examiner, i.e., claims 8 – 10. Matsumoto et al. is devoid of any teaching or suggestion of a UV cure, and such has been acknowledged by the Examiner. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 17 are not anticipated by Matsumoto et al. Dependent claims 2 – 4, 11, 15, 18, 19, 21, and 23 are also not anticipated by Matsumoto et al., as they depend from

claims 1 and 17. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 – 4, 11, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, and 23 are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's presumption regarding joint inventors is correct.

Claims 14 and 22 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Yui et al. Claims 14 and 22 should be allowable as depending from what should now be allowable independent claims. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 14 and 22 are respectfully requested.

Claim 16 stands rejected as being unpatentable over Matsumoto et al. in view of Ohtsuka et al. Claim 16 should be allowable as depending from what should now be an allowable independent claim. Therefore, reconsideration and allowance of claim 16 is respectfully requested.

The indication that claims 8 – 10 contain allowable subject matter is hereby recognized and appreciated. Claims 1 and 17 have been amended in response to this indication.

The indication that claims 5 – 7, 12, and 13 contain allowable subject matter is hereby recognized and appreciated. New claims 24 - 38 have been added in response to this indication.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action. Therefore, having traversed the Examiner's rejections, reexamination and allowance of claims 1 -7, 9 -19, and 21 - 38 is respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130 maintained by Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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